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1. RFT Fernmeldeanlagenbau, Berlin, Warschauer Platz, does not have any orders for direct delivery to the Russians. They are presently working on the designs (Projektierung) of several installations which are to be delivered for export during 1954. These orders were placed by JTA Elektrotechnik for delivery to the following countries:

- a. Cairo, Egypt - repeater stations for telephone traffic
- b. Teheran, Iran - complete telephone installation, including booster stations
- c. Finland - automatic dial equipment for telephone installation

The order for Cairo is considered to be of particular importance because the booster-type installations (Verstaerkerstaeter) used in the European-type communication systems are unknown in the Middle East, and it is believed that if East German manufactured equipment can be sold to Egypt, it will insure acceptance of the same equipment by other nations now beginning to install telephonic communications. This appears to be a definite bid for competitive commercial status with the equipment being offered to these nations by the Western powers.

2. RFT Fernmeldeanlagenbau is currently working on an automatic dial telephone installation which is to be shipped for installation in the East German Mission in Moscow. An exact duplicate is being prepared for installation in the East German Mission in Prague, Czechoslovakia. The switchboard and other parts are presently in the construction stage, and are under the direction of Montage Ingenieur Puphal (fnu), whose deputy is Montage Meister Kottulla (fnu). Kottulla is also in charge of the construction of the secret communication equipment which RFT is building for the KVP.

3. RFT Fernmeldeanlagenbau maintains properties at three separate locations:  
 Pecholski Strasse - sales department for measuring devices  
 Walepe Strasse - factory and warehouse  
 Warschauer Platz - upper stories of the Light Bulb Factory building;  
 offices, technical drafting sections, secret construction facilities for production of decimeter communication equipment.

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A separate room is maintained at the Tarschauer Platz property for use of personnel working on the decimeter equipment. All documents, sketches and other paper work connected with this project are handled in this one room where the papers are kept under special guard. All correspondence and documents referring to this communications equipment are handled as **Secret** (Geheim) and entry to the offices and assembly rooms is strictly limited to those individuals who are assigned to the section. The only individuals, except the office employees and technicians working on the papers and sketches, who are permitted entry to these rooms are the Chief of the Section, Puphal, and the members of the management (Werkleitungsmitglieder). At night all documents pertaining to this equipment production are stored by the Secretariat of the Management in special safes and are designated "Geheimverschluss-Sache". Ing. Kluetz (fnu) and Ing. Schuellke (fnu) are both working on the construction of these decimeter installations, which reportedly are to be installed in 33 to 36 separate locations throughout East Germany and to be operated by the KVP. To date two installations are reported to have been delivered and installed at Muegalberge and on the Inselberg near Erfurt. They are intended to serve as emergency communication channels for the KVP in the event that normal facilities are destroyed or rendered unusable, and incorporate three possible channels or means of communication: telegraph, telephone and high-frequency radio (normale Drahtverbindung, Funkverbindung, und Hoch-Frequenz-Verbindung).

4. All export orders, as also the orders for the decimeter communication equipment (Bozianlagen) are placed by DIA Elektrotechnik, Schickler Strasse. Herr Pose (fnu) appears to be the Sachbearbeiter at DIA for RFT Fernmeldeanlagenbau. Pose is described as being in his mid-50's, tall, has a stately appearance, a full face, slightly thinning hair which is lightly streaked with grey, and wears glasses. He is believed to be an electrical engineer. Pose has not made any trips to the USSR, but is known to have been in China in connection with negotiations with Red China concerning the sale of telecommunication equipment produced by RFT. The other firms competing for this contract were General Electric, Brown-Boveri, and Tesla of Prague. The negotiations are not believed to have been completed yet, but DIA Elektrotechnik finds itself at a serious disadvantage, competitively speaking, mainly because the delegation sent to China to handle the sale consists almost entirely of commercial people who are unable to offer on-the-scene technical service, such as recommendations for equipment modification to meet specific needs, as are the competing firms. The other firms have all sent much larger delegations which have included highly trained technical advisers and engineers from the producing plants who have thereby gained a competitive edge on DIA, which is offering RFT-produced equipment but has no technical assistance available to explain the workings of the equipment or suggest changes. Recently the Chief of the Main Administration for RFT of the Ministry for Machine Construction, Adolf Hegemann, left for China to take part in the negotiations. He left approximately 12 December and was travelling via Moscow. It is not known for how long a period Hegemann is to be away.
5. The RFT Fernmeldeanlagenbau plant in Dresden regularly delivers equipment to Wismut A.G.. The orders are handled through the Branch Office (Unterbuero) in Chemnitz, located on Fritz Heckert Platz (formerly Falke Platz) on the top floor of the bank building. Wismut receives the following items from the Dresden plant:

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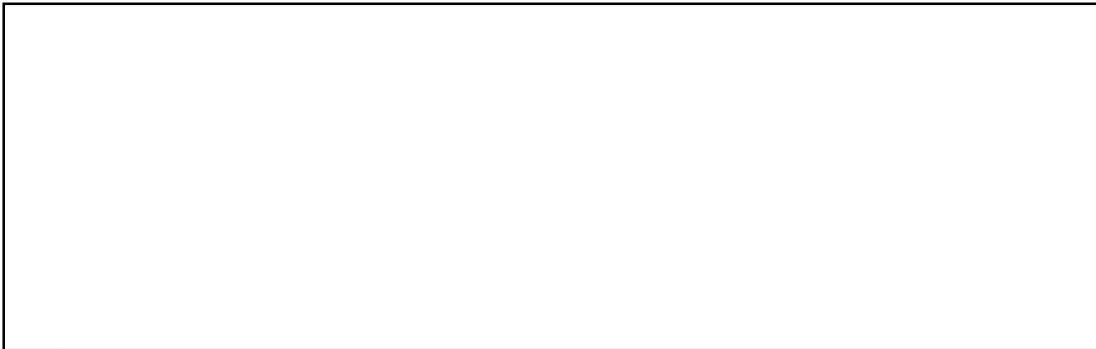
- a. pit and shaft signal installations
- b. telecommunications installations
- c. clocks
- d. fire reporting installations
- e. guard control installations

Orders are placed by the individual Objects of Wismut and delivered directly to them. Orders for the Main Administration are delivered to Siegmars-Schoenau, Technisches Kontor. The Main Administration ordered telephone installations, telephone exchanges, clocks, fire reporting installations, personal call installations and other equipment.

6. All completed orders which are ready for shipment are picked up by Derutra, Berlin, and delivered to the appropriate seaports for water carrier pick-up. It is believed that almost all shipments are handled through Danzig or Gdynia. In the past some USSR shipments have been sent first to Halle for combination with other orders destined for sea transport to the USSR or other export consignees, and at Halle were then redirected by rail carrier to Danzig. All Russian orders were reportedly handled as export orders via DIA Elektrotechnik.

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- 25X1A 1. [redacted] Comment. As received. Probably Allgemeine Elektrizitaets-Gesellschaft was meant.
- 25X1A 2. [redacted] Comment. Betriebsgewerkschafts Leitung = administration of the plant union.

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